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James D. Ballew et al.

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Dear Sir:

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action sent electronically 12 March 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.